

DAILY PLANET

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

Friday, May 16

1997

Space Station Crew Visits Marshall

NASA astronaut Bill Shepherd and Russian cosmonauts Sergei Krikalev and Yuri Gidzenko, the first crew members scheduled to fly on the International Space Station in January 1999, are visiting Marshall Friday. The crew is inspecting Space Station hardware, including Node 1, the first piece of U.S. hardware scheduled for launch in July 1998.

**Red Cross
Blood Drive,
8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Fri., in Bldg. 4752**

NASA Alumni To Meet May 22

The Marshall Chapter of the NASA Alumni League will hold a social and luncheon at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, May 22, at the UAH Bevell Center. Deadline for reservations is Sunday. **Contact:** John McCarty, 830-5241 or Ulla Doane, 881-5653.

First Launch of Space Station Now Targeted for June 1998

The International Space Station Control Board has approved a new baseline schedule that keeps the assembly sequence intact and targets the first station launch for June 1998 -- an eight-month delay from the previous schedule. The revision is a direct result of delays in funding to complete construction of the Service Module being built by the Russian Space Agency. The module has completed design review and NASA managers are confident the module can meet its revised launch date of December 1998.

Health and Fitness Focus of Activities Planned for Next Week

Monday kicks off National Employee Health and Fitness Week. The following activities are planned at Marshall (Bldg. 4752 unless otherwise noted): Fitness Center Open House, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Tuesday; badminton exhibition, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Tuesday; 1-Mile Walk, 11 a.m. Wednesday; outdoor aerobics, 4:50 p.m. - 6 p.m. Wednesday at the picnic pavilion; 5K Fun Run/2-Mile Walk, 11 a.m. Thursday; and NASA-Army Tug-O-War, 5 p.m. Thursday. **Contact:** Joyce Eagan, 4-3996.